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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES

REF: (A) PARA 3, STATE 109995; (B) CANBERRA 3041

1. WHITLAM GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RPT NOT YET MADE NEW STATEMENT ON ADMISSION OF REFUGEES. IN THE MEANTIME, OPPOSITION LEADERS, NEWSPAPERS, PROMINENT RELIGIOUS LEADERS, AND CONCERNED CITIZENS CONTINUE TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT TO DO SOMETHING.

2. ONE PRIVATE GROUP HAS OFFERED TO SEND DOCTORS AND NURSES WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND TENTS TO GUAM. WE BELIEVE THE PRESENCE OF PRIVATE AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS ON GUAM WOULD HELP KEEP THE PRESSURE ON THE WHITLAM GOVERNMENT TO MOVE POSITIVELY ON THE REFUGEE QUESTION BY GENERATING PUBLICITY AT LEAST OBLIQUELY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT STANCE. IN ANY EVENT, THE PRESENCE OF PRIVATE AUSTRALIANS WOULD GIVE THE CONGRESS A REAL REFLECTION OF HOW A MAJORITY OF AUSTRALIANS FEEL ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF

TRANSPORTING PRIVATE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL TEAMS WITH SUPPLIES
AND TENTS FROM SYDNEY TO GUAM OR ALTERNATIVELY FROM CLARK FIELD
TO GUAM.
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